

ANNEX 6. Vulnerable benthic species

<i>Annex 6. Data on marine vulnerable benthic species</i>					
Date					
Source					
ID fishing trip					
ID fishing operation					
	Total live weight (kg)	Percentage (%)	Notes		
Sponges in the catch*					
Corals in the catch*					
Other benthic species in the catch*					
	Feature*	Habitat*	Taxa*		
VME Indicator*					
Composition by species*					
Species*	Family/genus/order/taxa/ morphological group	Total weight (kg)	Total number	Photo* (Y/N)	Notes
Comments					

* If available.

- Don't leave blank; report zero catches also.
- Refers to FAO Corals and Sponges Guidelines as in Annex 1.c (FAO, 2017a, 2017b).

Instructions:

- Source: indicate source of data (e.g. on-board observation; self-sampling operation, etc.)
- ID fishing trip: identification code assigned to each fishing trip (unique) (as in Annex 3.a).
- ID fishing operation: identification code assigned to each fishing operation during fishing trip (as in Annex 3.c).
- Total live weight (kg): insert total live weight (or estimate) of sponges, corals and all other vulnerable benthic species caught during a single fishing operation.
- Percentage (%): insert total vulnerable benthic fraction, by identified groups of species, caught during a single fishing operation.
- VME Indicator (Feature, Habitat, Taxa): If possible, record this information for each fishing trip and/or fishing operation (please refer to Box 1 – Chapter 6. Benthic Species).
- Composition by species: whenever possible, insert name of species. When specimens cannot be identified at species level, genus, family, order or taxa should be indicated. In cases where species identification is not possible (especially for sessile taxa), assign organisms to morphological groups according to their growth form (e.g. massive, tubular, globular, arborescent, stalked, fan-shaped, lollipop-shaped, cup-shaped – see Annex 1.c), coupled with information on their colour, consistency (e.g. hard/soft) and photographic documentation.
- Total weight (kg): insert total weight (or estimate) for each identified species of benthic marine macroinvertebrates caught during a single fishing operation.
- Total number: insert total number (or estimate) for each identified species of benthic marine macroinvertebrates caught during a single fishing operation.
- Photo (Y